



Vol. 10, No. 1

Published quarterly for the Residents of the City of Broken Arrow

Spring, 2002

Patriotism Program Planned June 14

A parade featuring local law enforcement color guards, firefighters and branches of the military is the focal point of a salute to America and a show of patriotism being planned for Flag Day, June 14 in Broken Arrow.

The programs are the result of weeks of work by a Patriotism Committee headed by City Council Member Wade McCaleb. He was appointed by the City Council to head that committee, which includes a mix of City employees and representatives from the schools, Chamber of Commerce and the community.

Serving on the committee from the City have been Roland Nipps, Lt. Kevin Marks, Lisa Ford, Mike Vanderburg and David Blue. City Manager Michael Kadlecik has also been involved in the planning.

The parade will begin at 5 p.m. at Main and Commercial and will include a bagpipe unit, color guards from the BA Police and Fire departments, Tulsa County Sheriff and branches of the military. Also participating will be representatives of the VFW, Coweta and Broken Arrow American Legion, Eagle Scouts and the Five Civilized Tribes.

Main Street businesses will be saluting America with storefront displays and banners. Following the parade, a patriotic program has been planned for Central Park, with



Rooster Days Begin May 9

The 70th Annual Rooster Days Festival will be held May 9-12 and will feature the Red Dirt Rangers Band on Friday, May 10. Sponsored each year by the Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of the City, Rooster Days has grown to one of the premier attractions in Oklahoma. The Rooster Days parade will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the official welcome following at Central Park. The Miss Chick Contest will begin at 6 p.m. on the small stage Saturday, with the large stage being the scene

(See ROOSTER, Page 3)

LET'S SHOW OUR TRUE COLORS -- Last fall the Broken Arrow Police Department Honor Guard participated in a Patriotism program at Memorial Stadium. On June 14 they'll be marching down Main Street in a parade which highlights the city's Patriotism Day program.

military vehicles on display, as well as guest speakers and entertainers. Refreshments will be available through Blue Bell ice cream and the Coney Depot.

One of the highlights of that event in the park will be a softball contest between members of the Broken Arrow Police and Fire departments at the softball complex. Any proceeds from the game will go to help refurbish the American Legion building on South 5th Street.

Stormwater Management Creates New Challenges

As Broken Arrow gets set to begin its Centennial Celebration in October, it's fitting to look back at its transition from a small town to a small city and now one of the largest cities in Oklahoma. Communities which have undergone similar transitions share a major challenge today: urban stormwater management.

The City of Broken Arrow is currently involved in the process of improving its Stormwater Management Program. Federal and state mandates will create the need for more extensive testing of stormwater as it enters and leaves our city limits. That testing process will create the need for additional funding.

"Stormwater" is not simply the water which falls in our area during thunderstorms. We have water moving into and out of our city constantly in creeks and drainage ditches. Most of it winds up in either the Arkansas River or the Verdigris River. And as it flows through Broken Arrow, we add our own "ingredients" to the waters – through industrial waste, sewage, runoffs from our lawns, etc.

What the government wants to accomplish through this new testing program is to be certain that communities are not adding so many impurities to the water that it becomes a hazard to area wildlife, vegetation or even the human population. If we find pollutants in our water as it leaves the city limits that were not there before, it will be much easier to identify the source(s) and take steps to correct the problems. We will be helping ensure a better quality life for our generation and those to come. As Broken Arrow and other cities work together to monitor our stormwater and protect it, that quality of life becomes even better for all.

The cost of monitoring our stormwater each time it enters and leaves the city limits is one of the primary reasons for increased annexations during the past several months. With fewer "gaps" in our city limits, there will be fewer locations where monitoring is necessary.

During recent months the City of Broken Arrow has invited its citizens and its business professionals to provide their input on the Stormwater Management Program. City administrators have looked closely at how Tulsa and other cities in the state and region are structuring their programs. The first big step toward this comprehensive program was for the City Council to adopt an ordinance which will form a funding source to support Stormwater Management.

This will not be a "cheap" program, and it will become more expensive as Broken Arrow continues to add more new homes and businesses. The ordinance establishing this fee has been developed through the combined efforts of our City Council, City of Broken Arrow staff members, citizen groups, the Developer's Council and Homebuilders



FOLLOW THE MUDDY TRAIL -- Federal mandates have led to the creation of Stormwater Management programs in cities throughout the United States, so that creeks like this one in Central Park can be monitored on a regular basis.

Association representatives, and professionals from the engineering community. It has been reviewed through three public hearings. City staff members have surveyed several communities from throughout the United States to see what has worked and what has not worked in stormwater management and stormwater funding. This ordinance represents what the Stormwater Development Committee and the City Council feel will best answer the needs of our community and its citizens.

The new ordinance will establish a stormwater utility fee of \$3.00 per month per Equivalent Service Unit. What does that mean to you? If you live in a home within the City Limits of Broken Arrow, you will be assessed 1 Equivalent Service Unit and will be billed \$3.00 each month on your utility bill. In the case of apartments and non-residential properties, they will be evaluated to determine the actual amount of surface impervious to stormwater located on the property. Each property will be assessed 1 Equivalent Service Unit for each 2,650 square feet of impervious area on the property.

The Stormwater Utility Fee is proposed to become effective May 1, 2002. It will show up on water bills beginning in June for service in the month of May. Properties which do not currently receive a utility bill from the City of Broken Arrow will have an account created and will start receiving this stormwater utility bill in June.

The proposed Stormwater Ordinance can be viewed on the City of Broken Arrow web site under the engineering section. Questions related to the new program of the ordinance may be forwarded to:

Mr. Justin Cook, P.E.

Director of Engineering

City of Broken Arrow

220 S. First

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

E-mail inquiries should be sent to justinc@city.broken-arrow.ok.us, or by phone at (918) 259-8414.

Zipper Saves Money

One of the problems City street crews face each year when they begin resurfacing programs is waiting for a contractor to do the "milling" work which is the first step.

That will no longer be a problem after the City Council approved funds to purchase an Asphalt Milling System (Zipper) of its own.

City officials, including some Council members, saw the product at a recent National League of Cities conference and were impressed with its potential. Public Works Director Dave Wooden tested the product on several sites before the recommendation was made to buy it.

The Zipper will be particularly useful in newly annexed areas of Wagoner County and in "Old Town." Getting to the subgrade on those projects is necessary before a new base can be built. So no longer will the City street crews have to put their name on a waiting list of contractors and plan projects around that uncertainty. The Zipper will enable them to get to those street projects quicker and more economically, saving taxpayers money. Wooden said one contract for an intersection which had been on hold was cancelled immediately after the purchase, and that the unit should pay for itself after three contracts.

DiVert Program Needs Volunteers

The Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (DiVert) is in need of volunteers for a variety of positions - everything from Crisis Advocates who respond with police officers after a scene is secured to office advocates, data entry, computer programming, court advocates and more. Call Lucy Simpson, Program Coordinator, at 451-1507 for further information (from 1-9 p.m., M-F).



SHOOT OR SPRAY? -- Members of the Leadership Broken Arrow class sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce had an opportunity to make decisions faced by police officers in their session on Public Safety at the BAPD Training Center -- including these exercises on the FATS video simulator.

Rooster...

(Continued from Page One)

for Saturday's shows that include Flight Crew, United Souls, the Rhema Worship Band, Brothers Keeper with Dana Key, Gersh, Mercy Me, Jump 5 and FFH (Far From Home).

There will be, as always, plenty of food and soft drinks, the Murphy Brothers carnival, arts and crafts -- and special features such as Darrell Cole and the New Country Revolution Friday night. Of course, there will be a rooster crowing contest Saturday.



TREE CITY REPEAT -- Once again this year the City of Broken Arrow has been honored as a Tree City USA, an honor bestowed by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Parks & Recreation Director Scott Esmond (second from right) and City Horticulturalist Mark Higgins (far left) joined State Rep. John Wright (to the right of Higgins) and state Department of Agriculture Officials at the Capitol in Oklahoma City for the honors presentation.

City Hall Annex Houses Park Offices

One of the beneficiaries of the opening of the City Hall Annex (across the street from City Hall) has been the Parks & Recreation Department. While it still has offices at the Community Center, the new facility is home to offices of Director Scott Esmond, Special Events Coordinator David Blue and Office Manager Loeta Corley. The phone number is 259-8380.

Family Aquatic Center Offers More Sliding Fun

Broken Arrow's Family Aquatic Center provided more cool fun for area residents than anyone could have imagined. This spring and summer there's another big reason to visit the pool.

The flume slide tower on the south end of the FAC was designed for two slides. A shortfall in funds last year resulted in one of the slides being postponed until this year. Now it's installed and ready to go for the Memorial Day weekend opening of the City's pools.

The new addition is an "Aquatube Enclosed Flume Slide." It's much faster than the original slide, although both drop from the same 17-foot tower. Aquatube is 89 feet in length.

Once again this summer the FAC will allow the old Central Pool to be used for swimming lessons. Classes are available for children from 6 months of age and older. Cost is \$40 and they run through June and July. Each class consists of eight sessions over a two-week period. Morning and evening classes are offered.

Those wishing to enroll in the American Red Cross approved program should come by the Community Center at 1500 S. Main or the City Hall Annex at 201 S. First (the south end of the building). For information call 259-8436.

City of Broken Arrow

City Hall(Phone) 251-5311
220 South First Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(www.city.broken-arrow.ok.us)

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Animal Control259-8311
Citizens Action Center258-3587
Fire Department (Main office)259-8360
Parks & Recreation/Comm. Center ..259-8380
Public Works (all offices)259-8373
Seniors Center (at Main Place)259-8377
Sewer & Water Emergencies
7 a.m. to 4 p.m.259-8373
after hours259-8400
Police Department259-8350
TDD259-8452
Traffic Fines/Municipal Court259-8424
Utility Payments259-8409

Police, Fire or Ambulance Emergencies . . . 911

PRSRT STD

U.S. Postage Paid
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012
Permit No. 611

POSTAL CUSTOMER

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74011
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74013
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74014

FOCUS

Broken Arrow City Council

James C. Reynolds, Mayor
Tony Petrik, Vice Mayor
Richard Carter, Member
Wade McCaleb, Member
Craig Thurmond, Member

Michael Kadlecik,
City Manager

Wayne Bishop, Editor



Published four times each year at the administrative offices of the City of Broken Arrow, City Hall, located at 220 South First Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74012